

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., at the Senior Activity Center on Shoalcrest Ave
(29th and Lamar)

Coffee and Lunch (Pizza) will be provided

The following meeting is Tuesday, November 13th (also at the SAC)

Speaker: **Donna Friedenreich, President of the Austin Area Garden Council.**

She will discuss challenges to Zilker Botanical Garden as well as other topics of interest to us Austin flower lovers.

Remember **spouses of club members are always welcome** at our quarterly meetings.

Once again we will have a Bingo game or two with the usual high-dollar prizes – all while enjoying a delicious, low calorie, gourmet Italian buffet luncheon

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Christmas Lunch

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012. This is the second Tuesday in December

Time: 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Place: Maggiano's Little Italy
10910 Domain Drive, Suite 100.
(512) 501-7870
90 people maximum in attendance

Adults only please

Cost: Lone Star Club Members \$20, non-members \$30

Menu:

1st - Tomato Caprese, Stuffed Mushrooms, or Chopped Salad

2nd - Mom's lasagna w/meat sauce, Chicken Piccata, or Oven-roasted Pork Loin

3rd - Chocolate Zuccoto Cake or NY-style Cheesecake

All served with freshly baked bread, coffee, hot tea or ice tea and soft drinks

Minutes of the General Meeting, May 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Jim Remedi, standing in for Al Scholin.

The minutes of the previous general meeting and board meeting were published in the newsletter and were approved.

The Treasurer's Report: Chuck Barker

Checking Account	\$411.80
Income	\$919.22
Picnic Expenses	\$637.88
Prizes	\$335.16

Chuck will make a deposit for the Christmas Party to the Restaurant and pay for renewal of our domain name. The treasurer's report was approved by the members.

Membership Report: Loy Buley

As of this meeting we have 148 members, 66 life members, 9 new, 10 not renewed. Thirty-six members were in attendance at the meeting.

Christmas Party will be organized by Betty Temple again at Maggiano's, but no date has been set, probably first or second Tuesday in December.

Jim Remedi mentioned that we need more member participation on committees, and he still needs help with bad emails for Bill Huston, Pat Fitzpatrick, etc.

Programs: Gary Daniels introduced Rick Timmons, who gave a presentation on the Central Texas Angel Network. Rick explained that Angels are early investors to help get a first product to market by providing funding and mentoring and sometimes acting as board members. In contrast, Venture Capitalists typically pool investor money and invest later, when a company needs to expand. Both types expect a return when the company has an Initial Public Offering (IPO).

Picnic: Wayne Harned reported that 48 members signed up, 44 came. The weather was pleasant. Games included Lee Melugin's remote controlled car, hoops, putt-putt golf, bingo, etc. Jim & Camille Remedi won the water balloon competition. Members are encouraged to suggest or bring other games next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am, and Bingo was enjoyed until Pizza arrived for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, MFLSRC

2012 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of the quarter)

August 14 November 13

Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of 1st month of the quarter)

October 9

Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at Maggiano's again

Newsletter Article Deadlines: November 2

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, April 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Al Scholin.

Attendees were: Chuck Barker, Loy Buley, Gary Daniels, Danna Redford, Brent Brown, Jim Remedi, Wayne Harned, and Al Scholin

The Secretary, Jules Campbell, wasn't present, so the reading of the minutes was waived in favor of those as published in the April Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Chuck Barker. Chuck provided a spreadsheet containing the current status of the Club's funds, including income, expenditures (chief among which was a \$500 disbursement to Maggiano's Restaurant as a deposit for the upcoming Christmas Luncheon). In short, the Club's total funds are down approximately \$500 from the previous Quarter's report. The Board authorized Chuck to move \$500 from savings to the checking account to provide more working capital. The financial report was accepted.

There was a short discussion regarding the slow decline in the Club's funds, including a question from Gary Daniels about how long this can go on "until we are bankrupt." Chuck will work that up; no further action was taken.

The Membership Report was given by Loy Buley. Loy provided a summary of membership gains and losses over the last three years as well as attendance counts at General Membership meetings for 2011 and 2012 YTD. Paid-up membership is back to 150 with an increase in Life Members to 66; the 2010 number was 60. There are 10 new members so far this year. Further, meeting attendance is approximately 33% of the membership.

Jim Remedi reported efforts to add prospective members to the communication and Newsletter distribution list. He requested Board Members provide him and such info as we may have.

A Program Update was given by Gary Daniels. Main discussion regarded our speaker at the upcoming 14 August General Meeting, Donna Friedenreich, of the Austin Area Garden Council. Gary provided information about her, the Zilker Botanical Garden and Austin Garden activities, as reported in the Austin American Statesman.

Danna Redford reported on the Club's Newsletter activity and that inputs are due by July 27 to make the publishing deadline.

Jim Remedi gave a short update on his continuing efforts to eliminate e-mail "bounces" from MFLSRC members, a never-ending task.

There were no new reports regarding Photography, or Picnic.

New Business:

August 14 General Membership meeting: We made sure that we are ready for the meeting, specifically in regards to the meeting place, the speaker, lunch, and games. Jim Remedi will again stand in for Al Scholin who will be traveling most of the Month of August.

December MFLSRC Annual Christmas Party: Al Scholin provided an up-date on the work performed by Betty Temple in arranging this activity. The Board voted to change the date from 4 December to 11 December, which was an option. We didn't know the cost per meal at the Board Meeting, but learned following the meeting that it is \$23.95, which will enable us to maintain the cost to members and non-members to \$20 and \$30, respectively.

Discussion of circumstances that resulted in a member's retiree Health Insurance being cancelled sometime in June. The roundtable discussion disclosed various problems that might occur with making payments and receiving confirmations of such payments as well as a report of issues occurring to a Board Member retiree as he transitioned from "under-65" to "over-65" health insurance. Al Scholin took the action item to provide a discussion foil to be used at the 14 August General Membership meeting to make an informal poll of those members having had problems in either of these two areas – or other areas regarding health insurance program maintenance.

Submitted by Al Scholin standing in for Jules Campbell

Tidbits That Are Good to Know

November 2008

In the year the Motorola/Freescale retiree turns 65, there are changes in the medical/dental/vision insurance. My understanding is that the retiree and their spouse's existing policies are basically cancelled. The retiree signs up for the Humana PFFS plan and the under 65 spouse is automatically put on new Aetna medical, Humana dental, and Vision plans. The spouse's new plan resets to zero dental and vision coverage used for the year. This means that if you used some or all of the dental and vision coverage before the retiree turns 65 you will receive another full set of coverage for the rest of the year. You should check this with Humana and the Vision plan before you try to use this. I'm not sure if the same thing happens when the spouse turns 65 and the retiree is less than 65 years old.

August 2008

- 1) Set-up meeting at Social Security office – you can wait for hours to be seen if you just go into the social security office and get a number. It's possible to call ahead of time and get an appointment for a specific time on a specific day. Early in the day and after lunch are good times for the meeting.
 - a. Sign-up for Medicare (this happens at the Social Security office)
 - i. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to set-up appointment
 - b. Sign-up for Social Security and for problems
 - i. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to set-up appointment
- 2) Age 65 and over retirees, Humana PFFS "Evidence of Coverage" booklet
 - a. In the initial information that Humana sends when you sign-up for this plan, they say that after you enroll you will receive the "Evidence of Coverage" booklet. I never did receive this booklet and I would bet that I am not the only one who did not receive it.
 - b. Call Humana at the number on the back of your membership card and request the booklet. I have done this and it has much more information than what you got with the sign-up forms.

May 2009

When I looked at my 2009 Notice of Appraised Value from Travis County, the school taxes had not frozen at the 2008 tax amount, as they should have. The exemptions were shown correctly for both 2008 and 2009. I went to see someone at the Travis Central Appraisal District Office at 8314 Cross Park Dr. and after checking into this they said the projected tax information I got was wrong. The person I talked with said this was caused by a software glitch and it has also happened to other taxpayers. She changed the school tax to the correct amount and gave me a printout of what she had done.

Note: This will be a recurring feature in the newsletter to help any of us solve a problem. If you have an item to put in here, please send it to any board member and they'll get in for you. The above items were submitted by Jim Remedi.

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	996-4054	PL		Food Works – Parmer Lane
	895-2699	OHT	OE 11	Security
Shawna DeShazo	895-3096	OHT	OE 342	Manager, Austin Activity Centers
<u>Activity Centers:</u>	895-3069 (OHT)		934-6228 (EDB)	996-7129 (PL)

Credit Unions: Howard Lane 252-6000 Riata Trace 249-4800
Legend Oaks 421-3400

(The Parmer Lane branch closed December 24, 2008)

Return Requested
P.O. Box 10252
Austin, TX 78766

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB
Application for membership

NAME: _____ YEARS OF SERVICE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
(Please note if you do NOT have computer access or email)

SPOUSE'S NAME (If applicable): _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CLUB? _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MFLSRC

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MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year, due by February's meeting. NOTE: The dues are no longer pro-rated.
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$100

Don't forget that Spouses need to be members also. We need your other half as part of our club, so sign them up!

MAIL TO: MFLSRC at P.O. BOX 10252, AUSTIN, TX 78766